

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Terrence W. Schmidt, et al.

Serial No.: 10/712,798

Filed: November 12, 2003

For: VARIABLE-DRAFT VESSEL

Customer Number: 31824

Confirmation Number: 7837

Group Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: Lars A. Olson

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	28	43	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	10	3	7	\$86.00 =	\$602.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$602.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.